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### **2007 WHITEHORSE VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR**

**In celebration of National Volunteer Week, the City of Whitehorse honours community volunteers.**

**WHITEHORSE, WEDNESDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> OF APRIL 2008:** Tonight, Mayor Bev Buckway and Councillor Florence Roberts will host an awards ceremony and reception to celebrate and honour our community volunteers. The 2007 Volunteer of the Year was chosen by City of Whitehorse Council members and will be announced tonight by Mayor Buckway.

2007 was a spectacular year for volunteerism in Whitehorse with many citizens actively involved in hosting the 2007 Canada Winter Games as well as being part of many other organizations and groups around the community.

Volunteers are nominated by their peers from the group or organization that they belong to. "Whitehorse volunteers give countless hours of their time to help others, organize events, and make our community a better place to live." said Mayor Buckway.

The 2007 Volunteer of the Year nominees are:

- Mike Allen – Humane Society Yukon
- Mary Armstrong – Hospice Yukon
- Wayne Balcaen – Citizens on Patrol
- Velma Becker – Victoria Faulkner Women's Shelter
- Sheri Blaker – Swim Yukon
- Darryl Bray – Cross Country Yukon
- Jacqueline Brown – Whitehorse Concerts and Jazz Yukon
- Ken & Dorothy Burke – Elderactive Recreation Association
- Claude Chabot – Whitehorse Cross Country Ski Club
- Michael Dougherty – Yukon Anti-Poverty Coalition
- Dorothy Drummond – Golden Age Society

- Tracie Harris – Yukon Quest
- Fae Jamieson – Canadian Cancer Society
- Lynn LeBarge – 2007 Canada Winter Games
- Mal Malloch – Yukon Volunteer Bureau
- Roberta Morgan – Yukon Council on Aging
- Glenn & Kathy Piwowar – Yukon Arts Society
- Dr. Allon Reddoch – Rotary Club of Whitehorse
- Rusty Reid – MaCaulay Lodge
- Scott Smith – Yukon Broomball Association
- Ken Speiss – Whitehorse Rifle & Pistol Club
- Joanne Stanhope – Yukon Council on Disability
- Gabriele Watts – Riverdale Community Association
- Mary Whitley – Copper Ridge Place
- Rob Wilcox – Yukon Order of Pioneers, Whitehorse Lodge, No. 2
- Kim Winnicky – Yukon Jack Rabbit Program

**“These nominees represent the spirit of volunteerism in our community.” says Mayor Buckway who will announce the 2007 Volunteer of the Year Award tonight at the Volunteer of the Year Award Reception.**

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